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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Department of Justice Representative,

I believe the proposed settlement with Microsoft to be insufficient in protecting consumers and other businesses from the tactics of Microsoft.

In brief, I believe the settlement does not go far enough to insure that future versions of Microsoft operating systems and products can not evade the terms of the settlement.

I also believe that disclosure of API's (including the Win32 API and future OS API's) and file formats (specifically Office, but not limited to the Office products) should be required and very few limits placed on their use. These are critical pieces of information for competitors to design products that interoperate with Microsoft products.

I have submitted my name electronically to be added to an Open Letter. The letter can be found at the following URL:
<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>. I endorse the recommendations presented in the Open Letter of Dan Kegel and request that the Department of Justice read and consider the options presented.

There must be more considered wording in the settlement so that Microsoft can not evade the intent of the settlement. Past history says that they will look for any loop hole to get around constraints placed upon them. They operate by the letter not the spirit of the settlement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Peace on Earth, good will toward men? Not exactly.
<http://bible.gospelcom.net/cgi-bin/bible?passage=MATT+10:34-39&version=NIV-IBS>